

Claims

What is claimed is:

1. An article of manufacture (truck engine compartment ladder) comprising:

at least one vertical or nearly vertical member, and;

5 at least one horizontal or nearly horizontal member integrated into the vertical member to further comprise at least one step, and;

an attachment means integrated into the vertical member such that when the vertical member is attached via the attachment means into, in or on a truck engine compartment at an appropriate location, the vertical or nearly vertical and horizontal or nearly horizontal members function as a ladder with at least one step to allow an operator to climb up and
10 access the truck engine compartment, truck engine, truck windshield(s), windshield wiper(s), top running light(s) and other front areas of the truck.

2. The ladder of claim 1 wherein the horizontal or nearly horizontal member comprising the step has a non-slip surface disposed on or into the top surface.

15 3. The ladder of claim 1 wherein the horizontal or nearly horizontal member comprising the step is pivotally integrated into the vertical or nearly vertical member with rotational freedom of about 90 degrees of arc to allow the horizontal or nearly horizontal member to rotate up parallel or nearly parallel to the vertical or nearly vertical member and the step has a means for locking and unlocking the step into or from the vertical or nearly vertical
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4. The ladder of claim 1 wherein the attachment means is either permanent or temporary.

5. A method of using a truck engine compartment ladder, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) attaching the ladder of claim 1 via the attachment means into, in or on a truck engine compartment at an appropriate location, either permanently or temporarily and;

(b) climbing the ladder of claim 1 to access the truck engine compartment, truck engine, truck windshield(s), windshield wiper(s), top running light(s) and other front areas of the truck.

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